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Next meeting: 26th January

Den. Magenta's Pixican 'Maisie River'
(L&G Bromley) Award of Merit

RECENT AWARDS

Den. Golden Aya 'Ellie'
(D Munro)
Award of Merit & Award of Cultural Merit



***** ATTENTION SECRETARIES & TREASURERS - INSURANCE RENEWALS 2026 *****

Dear Secretaries & Treasurers,

It is that time of year again to start preparing your insurance information for OSNSW.

The cost per member is unlikely to rise (we hope) for both Public Liability and Volunteers Personal Accident cover. There is no age limit to the volunteers involved in the Personal accident policy. The relevant form is now available on the website:

https://orchidsocietynsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/ApplyAffSocPublicLiabilityInsurance26_27.pdf

for those societies who wish to take up our Insurance offer.

Completed forms with Member Numbers and *'Interested Party' Information

MUST be with Christine before 1st March please - no reminder will be sent and no interested parties will be added on the policy after 1st March, 2026

Christine must finalise with the insurers before 15th March.

Preferred method of Payment is via Direct Deposit: BSB: 032-080 | Acct No. 558587 | Westpac

Alternatively if you are unable to do a Direct Deposit, please post a cheque to: 1 Wolsten Ave Turrumurra NSW 2074

For further information contact Christine on: secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au.

* Interested Party is the venue where you have each of your shows

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Meeting Venue: Ermington Community Hall, River Rd, Ermington NSW 2115, last Monday of the month

WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE OSNSW MEETINGS

26 January: Ian & Irene Chalmers will give a talk on Australasian Orchids in South America. Feature the *Den. cuthbertsonii* hybrids



23 February: Simon Pug-Jones - he will take the audience to the wonderful forests of Sarawak, Sikkim, Rwanda, Brazil and Central America (Costa Rica, Guatemala, Belize) to identify similarities and differences in tropical habitats that allow us to grow tropical orchids successfully in cultivation

He will then show how they grow a wide range of species (over 600) in our greenhouses and various rooms of the houses. He will reference the student trios and partners in some of the habitats especially Sarawak where they were during October 2025 continuing their support for the Sarawak Schools Orchid Project that they helped to set up.

30 March: Garrie will present the latest awards.

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President's Report January 2026

I can't believe it's already halfway through January? (Only 11 ½ months till Christmas!!!) not to mention the Easter Eggs fully stocked in my supermarket! Completing 2025 was the Summer Orchid Festival. This inaugural show showcased for the first time those wonderful, majestic Brazilian Cattleyas (Laelias) in abundance, along with the Multi floral Paphs which show off for Christmas and many other genera which we do not see because we have begun our society summer hiatus. The show was spectacular, over 150 large flowering plants benched, attended by 100's of orchid enthusiasts (members and visitors alike) A bonza Sales table doing a roaring trade. My thanks to all, the organising committee, our judges, volunteers and of course all those who came and helped make this a show to remember. Watch out for news of the 2026 Summer Orchid Festival at a new location from December 4th to 6th 2026

A reminder that those of you who take Public Liability Insurance cover with OSNSW...it's time to prepare for renewal. Christine needs your member numbers asap followed by your renewal form and payment to the OSNSW account.

Please note: The P.O. Box (5396 Chullora 2190) will be CLOSED from 1st February 2026. The society will now receive any snail mail to the Secretary's address 1 Wolsten Ave Turramurra NSW 2074.

And finally, the 'Royal' Easter Show is again almost upon us. Beginning on Monday 2nd April and running till Tuesday 13th April at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush Bay NSW, we look forward to 2 orchid judgings, the first on Easter Monday April 6th and the second on Sunday April 12th. The orchids benched in the competition stay on display for 2 full days while we (OSNSW) stage a promotional 'cart' to provide information about the location of all NSW societies, their meeting times and contact numbers along with general orchid advice to all those interested folk passing by. A major endeavour in the recruitment process for new members of our society. If you would like more info about the orchid competition (perhaps you have a special plant you would like to enter?) please go the RAS Easter Show website, Flower and Garden section or give us a call. All for now, a busy year ahead

Veronica

INFORMATION RE OUR POSTAL ADDRESS

The address for all correspondence to The Orchid Society of NSW is now: 1 Wolsten Ave Turramurra NSW 2074. We have closed the Post Office box.

JUDGES ROSTER 2025

	January	February	March
Panel 1 Class 1-11	W Chapman C Scott-Harden D Law	N Gill D Law K Siew	J Fulcher C Polis J Gouvoussis
Panel 2 Class 12-22 Nov. 40-42	J Robinson G Bromley P Serb I Chalmers	M Aldridge P D'Olier S Tay	W Chapman P Miszalski P Serb
Panel 3 Class 23-33 Nov. 43-44	P D'Olier P Miszalski J Gouvoussis	L Bromley J D'Olier T Yee	K Koutsoukis I Chalmers J Robinson

N.B. Reserves and Ass. judges for panels will be chosen on the night

Affiliated Society's opportunity to promote and advertise at the Royal Easter Show 2025



Hello to all our affiliates,

There is again an opportunity for you to advertise your society to the general public at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The 2026 Show runs from Thursday 2 April to Monday 13 April at the Sydney Showgrounds in Homebush NSW.

The Orchid Society of NSW will be operating an information booth (a cart with a display of orchids) during the 4 days of orchid competition (6-7 & 12-13 April), manned by OSNSW judges and members providing orchid advice and society information to the thousands of passing garden enthusiasts.

If you would like to provide me with advertising flyers or society meeting information, I would be happy to make it available to show visitors on our 'cart'.

We need volunteers to man the cart during orchid competition days (like last year) so, I need 2 volunteers each shift (x 3 shifts/day...8am - 12noon, 12noon-4pm and 4pm-8pm) for 6 and 7 April & 12 and 13 April.

Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer for a shift (free entry for the day of your shift) I will have the roster at OSNSW meetings on 26 January and 23 February 2026 or call me if you wish.

Please contact Veronica for further info: 0424 070 757 or email: president@orchidsocietynsw.com.au



Orchids Out West



15-17 May 2026

Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon

ORCHIDS CENTRAL

16-18 OCTOBER, 2026

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge St Condell Park



CHAMPIONS - SUMMER ORCHID FESTIVAL 2025



GRAND CHAMPION

L. purpurata var. *tipo* x *purpurata* var. *sanguinea*
(J Cutajar)

RESERVE CHAMPION

Chilochista lunifera
(J Cass)



CHAMPION SPECIMEN
Bulb. Mem. Richard Mizuta
(M Karayannis)



CHAMPION CYPRIPEDIOIDEAE

Paph. rothschildianum
(S Tay)

